

REMARKS

In connection with the Request for Continued Examination filed herewith, please consider the amendments and remarks contained in the Reply filed September 7, 2004 and those contained herein.

Claims 1-27 remain pending in this application.

Claims 1 and 25-27 have been amended herein.

On December 2, 2004, Applicants' representative, Michael J. Musella, Esq., conducted a telephone interview with the Examiner. Several issues were raised and possible amendments were discussed. No agreement was reached, although a more precise understanding of the present invention was confirmed.

It is respectfully submitted that amended Claims 1 and 25-27 are now in condition for allowance. Claim 1 has been amended to read, in part, "generating a graphical representation of said at least one instance of said mapping data structure; and mapping information about people, activities, and social interactions at the web site onto said graphical representation for facilitating user socialization."

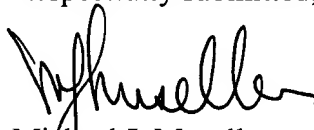
Claims 25-27 have been amended to recite that each of the ordered levels of specificity are divided into a grouping of subcategories of the same levels of specificity; the subcategories and the grouping of subcategories are displayed in a visual, geometric pattern; and information about people, activities, and social interactions at the web site are mapped onto said visual, geometric pattern.

Claims 1 and 25-27 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Without conceding the patentability per se of dependent Claims 2-24, it is submitted that they are allowable at least by virtue of their dependencies on independent Claim 1. Accordingly, all of the claims pending in

the application, namely Claims 1-27, are believed to be in condition for allowance and allowance is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this communication or feels that an interview would be helpful in advancing the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Musella", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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